

# Meeting Minutes South Dakota Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council

June 19, 2017, Room 208, Foss Building, Pierre, S.D.

## 1. **Call to Order**

K. Kinsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## 2. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Kitty Kinsman (Bicycling), Dave Sweet (Snowmobile), DeEtte Goss (OHV), Ken Buhler (Hiking) and Mel Fish (OHV)

**State Park Staff Present:** Katie Ceroll, Randy Kittle, Al Nedved

**Guests Present:** Kirk Fredrichs (FHWA), Mark Clausen (FHWA), Chancey Shrake (Brosz Engineering) and Ed Goss.

## 3. **Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by D. Sweet and seconded by D. Goss to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

## 4. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by K. Buhler and seconded by D. Sweet to approve the minutes from the RTP Advisory Council's June 16, 2016 meeting held at the Foss Building, Pierre, SD. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. **Overview of Active Projects**

Discussed open grants from 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Most projects are making progress.

## 6. **Motorized Proposals & Funding Recommendations**

The group reviewed the following list of motorized proposals:

**Dakota Trail Blazers, Clear Lake, Snowmobile Trail Groomer:** Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the Dakota Trail Blazers snowmobile Club to groom the snowmobile trail system in the Clear Lake area in the northeastern part of the state.

**Black Hills Trail Groomer:** Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the state operated snowmobile trail system in the Black Hills. Transfer current unit from the Black Hills trail system to the East River trail system to replace older unit to be declared surplus.

**Town & Country Snowdrifters, DeSmet, Snowmobile Trail Groomer:** Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the Town & Country snowmobile Club to groom the snowmobile trail system in the DeSmet area in the east central part of the state.

**Poinsett Pounders Snowmobile Club, Lake Norden, Groomer/Storage/Maintenance & Warming Shelter:** Construct a 60'x100' building to serve as a shop for the snowmobile trail grooming equipment and a warming shelter.

SD Trails Development Corporation, Centennial Trail Estes & Blue Draw Rehabilitation: Rehabilitate and relocate sections of the Centennial Trail in the Nemo area, the motorized section of the Centennial Trail.

BSA Black Hills, Bear Mountain Trailhead Facility Development: Construct a block bathroom at the entrance to the Medicine Mountain Boy Scout Camp.

The group discussed the proposals and developed the list of recommendations found at the end of the minutes.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by K. Buhler and passed unanimously.

## **7. Non-Motorized Proposals & Funding Proposals**

The group reviewed the following list of non-motorized proposals:

George S. Mickelson Trail Rehabilitate Bridge #125, Deadwood: Reconstruct bridge No. 125 due to deteriorating condition of bridge.

George S. Mickelson Trail Maintenance: Maintenance of the trail surface on the popular 109 mile trail system in the Black Hills.

George S. Mickelson Trail Limestone Surface Material: Limestone material for use on the trail surface on the popular 109 mile trail system in the Black Hills.

George S. Mickelson Trail Song Bird Embankment Stabilization: Repair the embankment along the creek edge along Song Bird Road..

Newton Hills State Park: Replace 60' pedestrian bridge on hiking trail.

Oahe Downstream Recreation Area, Cottonwood Trail: Resurface Cottonwood Trail.

City of Aberdeen, Moccasin Creek Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 1,700' of concrete trail in Kuhnert Arboretum.

City of Brookings, Recreational Trail Improvements: Resurface 3 sections of existing asphalt trail totaling approximately 13,085'.

City of Crooks, Sunset Park Walking Path: Construct approximately 1,200' of concrete trail going to the west side of the park.

City of Dell Rapids, Sioux River Red Rock Trail: Construct 2 sections of trail, first segment along HWY 115 south of the new bridge and the second segment near the historic dam site and Three Sisters Rock outcroppings.

City of Pierre, Rehabilitate Lewis & Clark Trail Section: Reconstruct L&C Trail between the bridge and the causeway. Replace 8' asphalt trail with 10' concrete trail.

City of Spearfish, Sandstone Connector Path: Construct approximately 900'x8' concrete trail to connect Sandstone Park and Lookout Mountain Trailhead.

USFS Dakota Prairie, Blacktail Trail Restoration: Requesting 20 days of seasonal labor in 2018 and in 2019. Install wooden walkway and bridge wing walls as well as restore about 500' of trail surface.

Charles Mix County Lake Restoration Organization, Lake Andes Park Avenue Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 5,000' of aggregate recreational trail around the southwest portion of Lake Andes.

The group discussed the proposals and developed the list of recommendations found at the end of the minutes.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by D. Goss and passed unanimously.

#### **8. Field Trip Discussion**

Advisory Council visited project sites in the Black Hills this past September to see how program funds have been used to provide improved trail opportunities. This was a very beneficial field trip to show the Advisory a variety of completed local and state sponsored RTP projects.

There is interest in looking at completed RTP projects in another portion of the state this year. There is interest in taking a RTP Advisory Council field trip to southeast SD to look at completed trail projects in late September 2017. Further discussion will continue this summer.

#### **9. Adjournment**

A motion was made by D. Sweet and was seconded by D. Goss to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Funding Recommendations Motorized Projects**

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
Dakota Trail Blazers, Clear Lake	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 218,898	\$ 175,118	\$ 175,000
GFP	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 215,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 104,117
Town & Country Snowdrifters, DeSmet	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 92,655	\$ 74,124	\$ 73,000
Poinsett Pounders, Lake Norden	Groomer Storage/Maintenance & Warming Shelter	\$ 109,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 0
SD Trails Development Corp.	Centennial Trail Estes & Blue Draw Rehabilitation	\$ 100,851	\$ 76,687	\$ 0

BSA Black Hills	Bear Mountain Trailhead Facility Development	\$ 117,400	\$ 92,400	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 853,804	\$ 650,329	\$ 352,117

### Funding Recommendations Non-Motorized Projects

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
GFP	Rehabilitate Mickelson Trail Bridge	\$ 211,110	\$ 168,888	\$ 168,888
GFP	Mickelson Trail Surface Maintenance	\$ 135,000	\$ 106,800	\$ 106,800
GFP	Mickelson Trail Surface Material	\$ 200,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
GFP	Mickelson Trail Song Bird Stabilize Embankment	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
City of Pierre	Rehabilitate Lewis & Clark Trail Section	\$ 200,820	\$ 118,484	\$ 118,000
City of Brookings	Recreational Trail Improvements	\$ 158,325	\$ 83,325	\$ 83,000
City of Spearfish	Sandstone Connector Path	\$ 85,588	\$ 68,470	\$ 65,000
City of Dell Rapids	Sioux River Red Rock Trail – Scenic Overlook	\$ 69,000	\$ 55,200	\$ 55,000
Freeman Academy	Prairie Arboretum – Final Stage	\$ 39,227	\$ 27,000	\$ 24,918
City of Aberdeen	Moccasin Creek Recreational Trail	\$ 136,000	\$ 108,800	\$ 0
City of Crooks	Sunset Park Walking Path	\$ 113,000	\$ 90,400	\$ 0
City of Dell Rapids	Sioux River Red Rock Trail – Dam Site Access	\$ 350,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 0
USFS Dakota Prairie	Blacktail Trail Restoration	\$ 15,400	\$ 12,320	\$ 0
Charles Mix Lake Restoration Assoc.	Park Avenue Recreational Trail	\$ 82,275	\$ 65,820	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 1,845,745	\$1,385,507	\$ 821,606